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ANDOVER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

To the Chairman and Members of the Andover Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my annual report for 1972, prepared as directed by the Department of Health and Social Security.

The health of the district was good, with few cases of infectious diseases reported.

The estimated mid-year population of the district was 20,180, an increase of 260. The natural increase (excess of births over deaths) was 189.

In April, the County Council took over responsibility for family planning. The service is now free except for supplies. These are also free where there are medical reasons for their use.

Re-organisation of the Health Service progressed to the point where it is now proposed there shall be six National Health Service Districts with the new Hampshire Area Health Authority.

In August, Mr. Goacher, Additional Public Health Inspector, obtained another post and was succeeded by Mr. Bardwell in October.

I should like to thank the Chief Public Health Inspector and the staff of his and my Departments for their help in the compilation of this Report.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. A. G. CARSON

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area : 67,808 acres

Population : The Registrar General's estimated mid-year population was 20,180, which is an increase of 260 when compared with 1971.

The estimated mid-year population trend in the Andover Rural District over the past ten years is as follows :-

1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
20,070	20,020	21,040	20,460	21,980	21,060	21,260	21,860	19,920	20,180

The total number of deaths in 1972 was 135; the number of births was 324, showing a natural increase of 189.

Table showing number of births in Andover Rural District
1963 - 1972

1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
392	399	356	356	382	405	382	415	381	324

Number of dwellings : 4,957

Rateable Value : £1,609,465

Estimated Rate from Penny Rate : £14,924

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

The Registrar General's figures for live and still-births for the Andover Rural District in 1972 were 324 and 5 respectively.

Table showing legitimate and illegitimate live births for 1972

Live Births	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	163	136	299
Illegitimate	14	11	25
Total	177	147	324

Table showing still-births for 1972

Still Births	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	3	2	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Total	3	2	5

Live Birth Rate

The crude live birth rate per 1,000 of estimated population was 16.1. The corrected birth rate (using a comparability figure of 0.97) was 15.6. For the Administrative County of Hampshire it was 15.5 and for England and Wales 14.8.

The ratio of the locally adjusted rate to the National Rate was 1.06 to 1.00.

Illegitimate Births

There were 25 illegitimate births and thus the illegitimate live birth rate expressed as a percentage of illegitimate births to total live births for 1972 was 8.0. In the Administrative County of Hampshire the rate for 1972 was 6.0, and in England and Wales it was 9.0.

Table showing Illegitimate Birth Rates during the period 1963 - 1972

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Total Births	392	399	356	356	382	405	382	415	381	324
Illegitimate	9	16	15	14	34	24	20	27	24	25
Rate %	2.3	4.0	4.2	3.9	8.9	5.3	5.0	7.0	6.0	8.0

Still-births

There were five still-births in 1972, all in legitimate infants, giving a still-birth rate per 1,000 total live and still-births of 15.0 compared with 13.0 in 1971, 5.0 in 1970, 10.0 in 1969, 12.1 in 1968 and 5.2 in 1967. In the Administrative County of Hampshire the rate was 9.0 in 1972 and for England and Wales 12.0.

Infant Deaths

Eight infants under 1 year died in 1972 in the Andover Rural District. Of these five died in the first week of life and the remaining three before their first birthdays.

Causes of Infant Deaths

Accident	1	Cerebral Haemorrhage	2
Acute Bronchiolitis	1	Congenital diaphragm	
Cardiac	1	hernia	1
		Prematurity	2

Table showing Infant Deaths in 1972

	Under 1 year		Under 4 weeks		Under 1 week	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Legitimate	6	2	3	2	3	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8		5		5	

Infant Mortality Rate

The Infant Mortality Rate is the total infant deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births, and for 1972 it was 25.0. For England and Wales it was 17.0 and for the Administrative County of Hampshire it was 15.0.

Infant Mortality Rates for Period 1966 - 1972

1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
33.7	26.2	29.6	29.0	17.0	37.0	25.0

Legitimate Infant Mortality Rate

The number of deaths in legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 live legitimate births in 1972 for Andover Rural District was 27.0, compared with 37.0 in 1971, 18.0 in 1970, 28.0 in 1969, 28.8 in 1968, and 28.6 in 1967. For England and Wales this figure was 17.0.

Illegitimate Infant Mortality Rate

This rate, the deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births was zero in 1972, compared with a rate of 83.0 in 1971, zero in 1970, 50.0 in 1969, 41.7 in 1968, zero in 1967 and 71.4 in 1966. In England and Wales the rate was 21.0.

Neonatal Mortality Rate

The number of deaths of infants under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births in 1972, was 15.0. The rate was 26.0 in 1971, 14.0 in 1970, 21.0 in 1969, 27.2 in 1968 and 15.7 in 1967. In England and Wales, the rate for 1972 was 12.0.

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate

The number of deaths of infants under one week per 1,000 live births was 15.0. In 1971, it was 18.0, in 1970 it was 14.0, in 1969 16.0, 1968 22.2, 1967 15.7, and in 1966 16.9. In England and Wales it was 10.0.

Perinatal Mortality Rate

This is the number of infant deaths under one week plus still-births per 1,000 combined live and still-births. In 1972, it was 30.0 compared with 31.0 in 1971, 19.0 in 1970, 26.0 in 1969, 34.1 in 1968, 20.8 in 1967 and 41.4 in 1966. In England and Wales in 1972 it was 22.0.

Maternal Mortality Rate

For the year under review there were no deaths due to pregnancy and childbirth in the District. The Maternal Mortality Rate is the ratio of maternal deaths associated with pregnancy and child bearing to the total number of births (live and still) expressed as a rate per 1,000. In 1972 the rate was zero.

Where the number are small, all the above rates are apt to fluctuate.

Deaths from all Causes

The Registrar General has recorded the following deaths and they are classified under the International Abbreviated List of Causes (B list) from the Manual of the Eighth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases, 1965.

Where headings are omitted from the table there were no deaths in the District due to those causes.

Cause of Death	Sex	Total all Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 wks and under 1yr	Age in Years								65-
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	
B19(1) Malignant Neoplasm - Buccal Cavity etc	F	1											
B19(2) Malignant Neoplasm - Oesophagus	M F	1 2									1 1		1
B19(3) Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	M	1									1		
B19(4) Malignant Neoplasm - Intestine	M F	2 3										1	1
B19(6) Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	M F	4 2									1		3 2
B19(7) Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	F	2											1
B19(9) Malignant Neoplasm - Prostate	M	1											1
B19(10) Leukaemia	M	1									1		
B19(11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	M F	4 5				1			1			2 3	2
B21 Diabetes Mellitus	F	1											1
B23 Anaemias	F	1									1		
B26 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	F	2									1	1	
B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	M F	18 16									3 1	2 3	6 3
B29 Other Forms of Heart Disease	M F	1 6											

Cause of Death	Sex	Total all Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 wks and under 1yr	Age in Years								
					1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	6										4	2
	F	7										1	6
Pneumonia	M	5										1	4
	F	7									2	1	4
1) Bronchitis & Emphysema	M	5									1	2	2
2) Asthma	F	1			1								
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	M	1	1										
Nephritis & Nephrosis	M	1									1		
Congenital Anomalies	M	1		1									
	F	2						1			1		
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	M	2	2										
	F	2	2										
2) Other Diseases of Blood etc.	M	1								1			
Other Diseases of Nervous System	F	2											2
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	5										3	2
	F	2								1			1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	1		1									
	F	1											1
0) Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	F	1								1			
1) Diseases of Musculo- Skeletal System	M	2										1	1
	F	1					1						
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	2					1	1					
All Other Accidents	M	3		1									2
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M	68	3	3		1	1	1	1	5	9	22	22
	F	67	2		1		1	1	1	5	12	12	33

The total number of deaths due to all causes in the Andover Rural District in 1972 was 135.

Diseases of the heart accounted for 43 deaths or 31.85% of all deaths.

Ischaemic Heart Disease, with 34 deaths, caused 25.2% of all deaths.

If all deaths due to diseases of the heart, and circulatory system (including cerebro-vascular lesions) are combined, a figure of 63 deaths is arrived at - this is 46.7% of all deaths.

Cancer caused 29 deaths, i.e. 21.5% of the total. Of these six were caused by cancer of the lung and bronchus, i.e. 20.7% of deaths due to cancer were caused by cancer of the lung and bronchus.

There were five deaths due to accidents, two of these involving motor vehicles.

Death Rate (crude) per 1,000 estimated population	:	6.7
Death Rate corrected (using a comparability figure of 1.28) per 1,000 estimated population	:	8.6
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population for Administrative County of Hampshire	:	9.8
Death Rate for England & Wales per 1,000 estimated population	:	12.1
Ratio of adjusted local rate to National Rate	:	0.71 - 1.0

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The number of infectious diseases notified was 20.

Table showing types and number of infectious diseases notified in the Andover Rural District in 1972.

Diseases	Number
Food Poisoning	6
Shigella Sonnei Dysentery	1
Infective Hepatitis	1
Measles	5
Scarlet Fever	2
Tuberculosis	5
Total	20

Measles

The following table shows the distribution of measles in age groups :-

	Under 1yr	1+	2+	3+	4+	5-9	10-14	15-25	25+	Age un- known	Total
Males	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Females	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	4
Total	-	1	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	5

Tuberculosis

Five new cases of tuberculosis were notified in 1972 and there were two inward transfers.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
New Cases	3	2	0	0	5
Inward Transfers	2	0	0	0	2
Number on Register as at 31.12.72	70	62	7	15	154
		132		22	

One case was removed from the Register as the patient moved to another district.

TUBERCULOSIS

The following statistics have been supplied for the Chest Clinic held at the Andover War Memorial Hospital. The intake of this Clinic includes areas outside the Andover Borough.

Number of cases of tuberculosis under treatment, supervision or observation at 31st December, 1972.

		Men	Women	Children	Total
Number of Cases	Respiratory	102	73	4	179
	Non-respiratory	-	1	-	1
	Total	102	74	4	180

Number of cases of tuberculosis new to the Clinic (but excluding transfers from other Clinics) during the year ended 31st December, 1972.

	Men	Women	Children	Total
Respiratory Non-bacterio- logically confirmed	3	1	1	5
Respiratory Bacterio- logically confirmed	3	-	-	3
Non-respiratory	-	-	-	-
Total	6	1	1	8

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

Vaccination against poliomyelitis was offered to all persons under 40 years of age. The vaccine generally used is the oral (Sabin) type vaccine which is easier to administer, especially to children. It is important to ensure that the highest possible acceptance rate, especially among young children, is maintained.

The following table shows the number of persons under 16 years immunised against poliomyelitis in 1972 in the Andover Rural District.

Age Groups	Numbers Immunised
Children born in 1972	7
" " " 1971	162
" " " 1970	71
" " " 1969	6
" " " 1968-65	-
Others under 16 years	2
Re-inforcing doses under 16 years	186
TOTAL	434

Measles Vaccination

Vaccination against measles began in April 1968, and was confined to children under 7 years. In November 1968 this was extended to children up to 15 years of age.

Number of measles cases reported in Andover Rural District 1966 - 1972.

1966	:	45	1969	:	12
1967	:	163	1970	:	94
1968	:	21	1971	:	8
			1972	:	5

In 1972, 279 children under 16 years of age were vaccinated against measles.

Smallpox Vaccination

The following table shows the number of vaccinations of age groups under 16 years carried out in Andover Rural District in 1972.

Age at Date of Vaccination	Primary	Re-vaccination
0 - 3 months	-	-
4 - 6 months	-	-
7 - 9 months	-	-
10 - 12 months	1	-
1 year	2	-
2 - 6 years	7	3
7 - 16 years	-	69
TOTAL	10	72

Records are not kept over the age of 16 years.

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough Vaccination

The most frequently used agent is Triple Antigen, which contains antigens of diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus. This reduces the number of injections necessary, which are usually commenced when the infant is about three months old. The antigens, given combined in a single vaccine, produce a greater protection to each disease than they would if given separately.

The following table shows the completed courses and booster doses given in 1972 :

Type of Antigen	Primary Course	Booster Doses
Triple	241	18
Diphtheria/Tetanus	4	124

German Measles Vaccination

This commenced in the last quarter of 1970 and initially was confined to girls in their fourteenth year. However this was extended to cover girls between 11 and 14 years. 109 girls were protected in 1972.

COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES

for the year 1972

<u>Area Nursing Officer</u>	:	Miss M. Addy - to 17.3.72 Mrs. A. Oakley - from 1.4.72
<u>Health Visitors</u>	:	Mrs. T. Annals Mrs. M. K. Brookes Mrs. K. A. Clarke-Jones - from 1.1.72 - 30.9.72 Miss M. L. Collins - to 28.4.72 Mrs. M. I. Cooper Miss M. A. Cox - from 1.12.72 Mrs. M. J. D'Oyly-Wright - from 1.10.72 Mrs. M. Harbottle Miss M. J. Lavelle Mrs. M. Morgan Miss M. F. Roundtree - from 29.5.72 Miss R. Spinelli - to 11.1.72 Mrs. M. E. Thornally - to 30.9.72
<u>District Nurses/Midwives</u>	:	Miss M. L. Brown Mrs. R. B. Griffiths - from 1.9.72 Miss E. Langford Mrs. B. M. Mawhinney Mrs. M. B. McKeller - to 15.8.72 Miss J. Rolfe Miss N. Rutter Miss L. A. de Silva Mrs. P. A. Smith Mrs. V. M. Stedman
<u>District Nurses</u>	:	Miss J. M. Batten Miss P. M. Coles - 20.9.72 Mrs. S. Ginger (part-time) - from 17.1.72 Mrs. G. M. Horton Miss A. Rigby Mrs. D. M. Thorne - from 6.9.72

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

Barton Stacey	Community Centre	Every Monday
Chilbolton	The Village Hall	1st Wednesday
Hurstbourne Tarrant	British Legion Hall	1st Monday
Shipton Bellinger	Church Hall	2nd & 4th Thursday
Thruxton	Village Hall	2nd Tuesday
Upper Clatford	Methodist Church School Rooms	1st Wednesday

HOME HELP SERVICES

ANDOVER BOROUGH AND ANDOVER RURAL DISTRICT

Annual Statistics - 1972

Number of Cases on Register at beginning of period	:	170
New Cases during the period	:	178
Total Cases Assisted during the period	:	348

Maternity	:	14
Emergency	:	
Sickness	:	23
Post Hospital	:	23
Child Care	:	3
Special	:	14
Mentally Sick	:	9
Chronic	:	26
Aged - 65 - 74	:	
years	:	61
Aged - 75 years	:	
and over	:	175
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Total		348
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Separate Statistics are no longer given for the Andover Borough and Andover Rural District.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

There were no cases under this Act during 1972 in the Andover Rural District.

GENERAL INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Visits carried out under the Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963	13
Visits carried out under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960	82
Visits carried out under the Clean Air Act 1956	6
Visits in connection with Domestic Water Supply	229
Visits in connection with power and non-power factories	22
Visits carried out under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955	24
Visits carried out under the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 and 1970	188
Visits carried out in connection with food and milk sampling	76
Visits carried out under the Housing Acts	408
Visits carried out in connection with Infectious Disease Inquiries	54
Visits carried out under the Noise Abatement Act, 1960	8
Visits in connection with Offensive Trades	18
Visits carried out under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	122
Other Visits	39
Inspections of Petroleum Installations carried out under the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928	97
Visits carried out under the Public Health Act 1936	216
Visits carried out in connection with Rodent Control by Inspectors	29
by Rodent Operator	1,881
Visits carried out under the Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964	1
Visits carried out in connection with Meat Inspection	842
Total Visits	<u><u>4,390</u></u>

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

There were still five Licensed Premises for Boarding Animals within the district during the year. Complaints were received regarding an unlicensed kennels; an investigation was carried out and the owner advised to obtain a Licence but no dogs have been boarded since.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

The number of Licensed Sites within the District has remained the same. Regular inspections of the Sites have been maintained and a good standard generally was found.

An amendment was made to the Site Licence Conditions on the suggestion of the Fire Officer regarding Fire Fighting Equipment; this equipment was readily provided by the site owners.

DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY

During the year 94 additional properties have been connected to the mains supply.

	<u>No. of Dwellings Supplied from Main</u>	<u>Stand Pipes</u>
Abbotts Ann	235	
Amport	178	
Appleshaw, part Fyfield & Kimpton	189	1
Barton Stacey & Bullington	300	
Chilbolton	277	
Clanville	27	
East Cholderton	10	

	<u>No. of Dwellings Supplied from Main</u>	<u>Stand Pipes</u>
Goodworth Clatford & Upper Clatford	510	1
Grateley	162	
Hurstbourne Tarrant	200	
Longparish	181	
Monxton	90	
Penton Grafton	59	
Penton Mewsey	70	
Quarley	49	
Shipton Bellinger (Cholderton Water Co)	208	
Tangley	136	
Vernham Dean & Upton	187	
Wherwell	116	

Fifty six samples have been taken throughout the year from the Mains and the Reservoir of the Cholderton Water Company and all but five of these samples proved to be satisfactory. The unsatisfactory samples were traced to be caused by insufficient chlorination. Advice was given to the Water Company and subsequently a Chlorinator was connected into the system.

Number of samples taken from Southampton Corporation : 13
Main Supply

Regular samples taken from the main supply from various other points throughout the district all proved to be satisfactory.

Bacteriological Examination of all Water Supplies

Number of samples taken	: 188
Number of samples reported satisfactory	: 154
Number of samples reported unsatisfactory	: 34

The unsatisfactory samples were found to be due to polluted storage tanks or farm reservoirs. The owners of the supplies were advised of cleansing measures and in all cases the samples taken after the remedial work proved to be satisfactory.

FOOD PREMISES

(i) Number of food premises in the area is as follows :-

Grocers and General Stores	:	47
Bakers	:	4
Butchers	:	4
Cafes, Restaurants & Hotels	:	14
Licensed Public Houses and Inns	:	40

(ii) Number of premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 :-

Sale of prepacked ice cream	:	72
Preparation and manufacture of sausages, etc.	:	4

The general standard of food premises in the district is quite good, the only real cause for concern being the continuing poor standard of toilet facilities at some licensed premises. These toilets are externally situated, poorly constructed and unusable at times in the winter due to frost damage. The brewers concerned promise improvement but seem to be out of touch with modern standards and would do well to visit the several well maintained free houses in this district.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

Number of registered distributors	:	6
Number of registered distributors outside the area selling milk within the area	:	3

Eighty six samples of milk were collected from schools and roundsmen within the district during the year and submitted for examination; of this number three did not comply with the Methylene Blue Test.

Ice Cream Retail Premises

One additional registration was granted during the year bringing the total number of premises registered for the sale of ice cream to seventy-two. As in previous years only pre-packed proprietary brands are sold.

Of twelve ice cream samples taken from various premises throughout the district ten received Provisional Grade 1 and two received Provisional Grade 2 ratings.

Food Condemnation

The following food was voluntarily surrendered and disposed of at the Council's Refuse Tip, West Down, Chilbolton.

- | | | | |
|----|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| a. | 8 lb rice |) | |
| | 9 lb semolina |) | |
| | 4½lb ground rice |) | |
| | 5½lb macaroni |) | Affected with Warehouse Moth Grubs. |
| | 8 lb dried vegetables |) | |
| | 14 lb prunes |) | |
| | 7 lb currants |) | |
| b. | 17 tons (approximately) of carcase meat and offal from the slaughterhouse. | | |

Food Complaints

Four complaints regarding the condition of food were received during the year which are as follows :-

- a. Mouldy bread
- b. Dirty milk bottle
- c. Mouldy cheese spread
- d. Mouldy pre-packed carrots

The details of these complaints were reported to the Council who decided not to instigate legal proceedings.

Food Poisoning Outbreaks

There have been no confirmed cases of food poisoning outbreaks during the year in this district.

HOUSING ACTS

Housing Act, 1957

Informal Action

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	40
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Statutory Action

1. Proceedings under Section 9 and 16 of the Housing Act 1957.

a. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
b. Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice	
(i) by owners	Nil
(ii) by Local Authority in default of owners	Nil

2. Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957.

a. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	Nil
b. Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders or by formal action	Nil
c. Number of representations made to the local authority with a view to :-	
(i) the serving of notices requiring the execution of works	Nil
(ii) the making of a Demolition Order or Closing Order	Nil
d. Number of houses in respect of which an Undertaking was accepted under sub-section 4 of Section 16 and sub-section 1 of Section 35 of the Housing Act, 1957	3

3. Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957.

a. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or rooms having been rendered fit	Nil
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b. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil

Housing Act, 1969

Improvement Grants

	<u>No. of Appli- cations</u>	<u>No. of Resultant Dwellings</u>	<u>Estimated Expense</u>	<u>Amount of Grant</u>
Conversions	3	4	£23,273	£3,345
Improvements	52	52	£194,995	£31,096
Refusals	Nil	Nil	-	-
	55	56	£218,268	£34,441

Work in respect of forty dwellings was completed.

The number of grants approved during the year has increased. There has been very little evidence of speculators obtaining Grants on properties intended for resale. A close watch is maintained to prevent any trend in this direction but it is felt the re-introduction of a condition requiring the repayment of the Grant if the property is sold within three years would successfully curb all speculation. Most of the Grants have been made to owner occupiers; very few applications were received from privately rented property and likewise for second homes.

Qualification Certificates

Two applications were received for Qualification Certificates, in both cases the applications were refused and informal notices requiring the defects to be remedied were served on the owners.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

All registered premises covered by the Act were visited during the year. Only a few minor contraventions were discovered; this compliance with the Act is probably due to the rural character of this District and the fact that the Act has now been in operation for nine years. The discrepancies which occurred were all rectified by simple

verbal warnings which proved sufficient to remedy the offences. In 1973, however, a complete revision of all the premises controlled by the Act will take place.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928

All petroleum storage sites were visited during the year and only minor infringements were found. Two new storage tanks were licensed for 3,000 gallons bringing the storage capacity up to 141,820 gallons. Planning Permission has been given for a further two tanks.

The testing of 49 tanks which have exceeded the '20 year safe life' will commence during the 1973 licensing period.

RODENT CONTROL

The mild winters experienced over the past few years are definitely influencing the pattern of rodent infestation. The sudden influx of rats previously experienced in the pre-Christmas period has now flattened out so that a more steady stream of complaints are received over the winter months. There is no doubt that rats are harbouring out in the fields even in 'black spot' areas which have the attraction of food and harbourage. More attention will have to be paid to open ground and hedgerow surveys than has been the Department's previous policy.

Mice infestations continue to increase but excellent kills are being obtained during the winter months by the use of Alpha-Chloralose bait.

The chart below is a comparison of infestations and bait used over the last four years.

	1969	1970	1971	1972
Infestations Notified	290	259	317	374
Premises Surveyed	292	541	427	375
Total	582	800	744	749
Notified Properties Infested	253	210	306	384
Surveyed Properties Infested	110	166	145	133
Total	363	376	451	517
<u>Bait Used</u>	cwt	cwt	cwt	cwt
Barley Meal and Warfarin No. 5	40	32½	25½	24¾

As can be seen from the chart the number of infestations has risen but a very promising result of the survey policy is the appreciable growth of notifications from occupiers. This is in no small way attributable to the conscientiousness of the Rodent Operator.

Insect Pests and Verminous Premises

No excessive increases by insect pests of domestic premises were experienced during the year. The usual crop of cluster flies in the spring and autumn were successfully treated and the number of wasp nests were approximately half of the previous year's bumper crop. Ants nests caused some concern in kitchens and larders but the variety of insecticidal sprays and dusts available to the Operator make treatment a relatively safe and simple procedure.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

No new applications have been received for Registration under this Act. The total number of Dealers Registered remains at six.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND MEAT INSPECTION

There has been a considerable increase in the number of sheep killed during the year. The main causes for condemnation have still been due to *Fasciola Hepatica* (Liver Fluke) in cattle and sheep and *Ascaris Lumbricoides* (Milk Spot) in pigs.

Further improvements were planned for the extension of the Slaughterhouse and for the provision of a completely new drainage system; work on which is due to commence early in 1973.

THE MEAT (STERILIZATION) REGULATIONS, 1969

The only plant operating within the district has now closed down; the meat from the Knackers Yard being sent to a processing plant outside the district.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER, 1957

Regular inspections have been carried out at the two premises where swill is sterilized for Pig Food. Investigations have been made during the year into methods of reducing the odours from the larger of the two plants.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The drainage scheme for the Western Parishes and Goodworth Clatford was approved by the Department of the Environment and the contract documents and plan prepared. Work on the construction of the sewers and pumping stations is expected to commence on the 1st June, 1973. The sewage from the villages being served will drain into the Andover Borough Council's Sewage Treatment Plant at Goodworth Clatford.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The regular weekly collection of refuse continued throughout the year. Domestic refuse from the Andover Borough Council has been deposited on the tip at West Down, Chilbolton.

The cesspool and septic tank emptying service operated throughout the year and 1,069 pits were emptied as compared with 944 during 1971.

MEAT INSPECTION

Carcasses and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

	Cattle excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number Killed	3,143	152	90	18,344	14,911
Number Inspected	3,143	152	90	18,344	14,911
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	2	8	18	24	168
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	910	37	12	983	5,748
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	29%	29%	33.3%	5.4%	39.6%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	12
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	0.08%
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	6	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
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PART I OF THE ACT

- 1 - INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health and of sanitary accommodation in the case of power factories.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sec. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	5	5	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	21	17	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Sec 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil	-	-	-

2 - CASES in which DEFECTS were found : Nil
CASES in which DEFECTS were remedied : Nil

